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SPECTROSCOPY ASSEMBLY)
)

Thomas P. Vita, Jr.

 Signature

5/24/2005
Date

DECLARATION OF BEN OHLER UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131

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Dated: 04/26/05



Ben Ohler

-- Date Redacted --

Ben Ohler

From: Ben Ohler
Sent:
To: Doug Gotthard
Subject: connections for knob

Power: +/- 15V and +/- 5V (5v for electronics and 15V for brake and adding/subtracting from low V Z)

Inputs: Low V Z
Deflection

Outputs: The new low voltage Z (The standard low V Z can be jumpered to this before the knob is in place)

Trigger Inputs (through serial?): Set knob feedback force to zero (user sets when to do this in software)
Reset knob voltage offset to zero (user sets in software)

If the triggers through the serial port are too hard to implement we can always use buttons on the knob box.

I have a general scheme sketched out but it will take someone with more electronics knowledge than me to implement.

-Ben

EXHIBIT

A

-- Date Redacted --

Ben Ohler

From: Ben Ohler
Sent:
To: Doug Gotthard; Jens Struckmeier; Bernd Maringer; Ben Ohler
Subject: Knob info on Zone

I have selected an enclosure, brake, and two possible encoders for the knob.

PDF spec sheets are on zone under "knob"

Bernd: The spec sheets for the encoder decoder chips are in the "encoder" folder off the main "knob" folder.

-- Date redacted --

Ben Ohler

From: Ben Ohler
Sent:
To: Bernd Maringer; Doug Gotthard; Jens Struckmeier
Subject: FYI: knob parts delivery

Enclosures (Nova 63 & Nova 127): Wednesday

Encoder (E4): Thursday

Encoder chip (LS7084): Thursday

Knob: Thursday

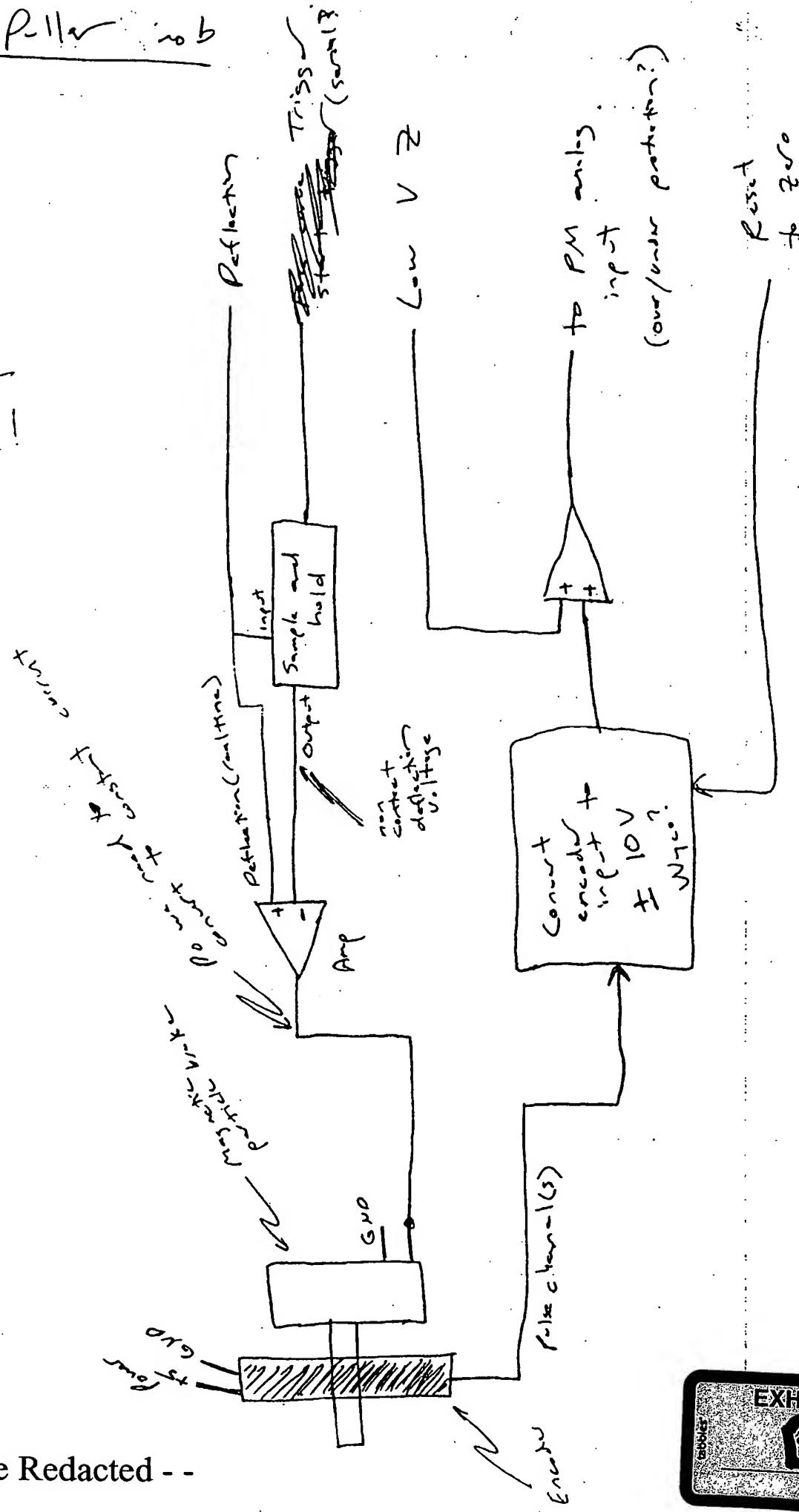
6V Brake: Thursday or Friday

P-11a in b

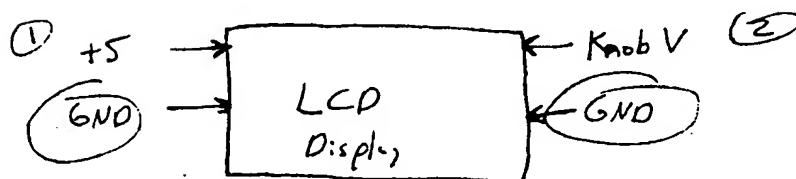
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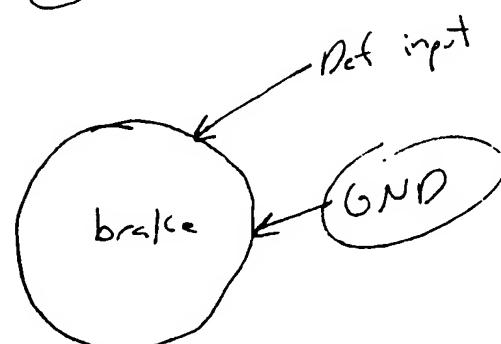
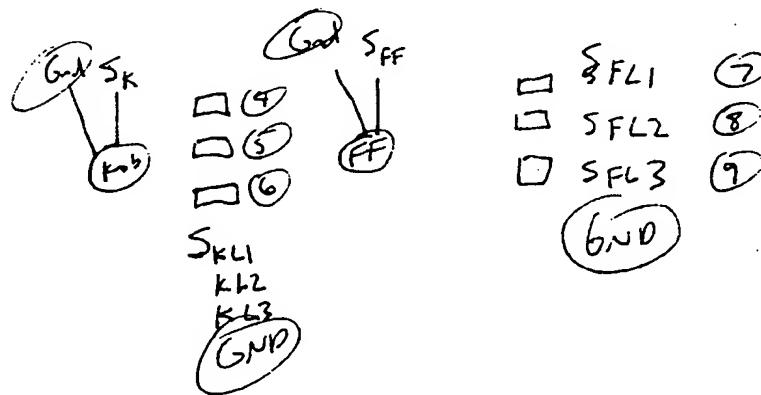
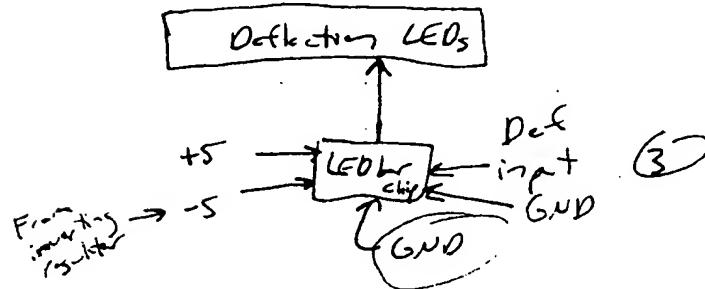
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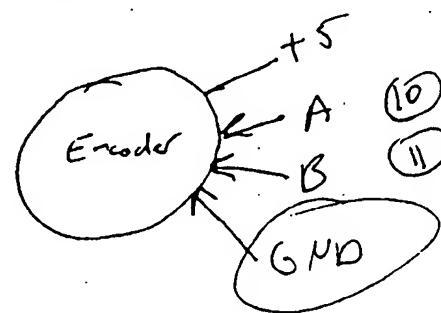
Knob box Required Cires



Sorting out signal
routing for knob
indicators, encoder
& brake



11 lines
before GND



<u>Sens</u>	<u>minV</u>	<u>MaxV</u>	<u>PK-PK</u>	<u>Ramp</u>	<u>Non Lin</u>
1315	4.48	5.56	1.08	1.42 μ m	0.2 (0.1
1388	3.98	6.04	2.06	2.86	0.15
1.41	3.50	6.52	3.02	4.26 - 7	0.15 - 0.25
1.38	2.96	7.08	4.12	5.7	0.25 - 0.3
1.4	2.48	7.56	5.08	7.12	0.3 - 0.3
1.39	1.96	8.08	6.12	8.54	0.35 - 0.
	1.52	8.72	7.20	9.95	0.45 - 0.5
	0.960	9.20	8.24	11.37	0.5 - 0.
0.48	9.68	9.2	12.79		0.6 - 0.7
0.08	10.1	10	13.94		0.65 - 0.7

~~73.2~~ 1339 nm $\frac{1V}{18.3V} = \underline{\underline{73.2}}$

PI
controller
(desk top)
- Closed Loop
- XY piezo tube
(thin)
- Z piezo net
(thin)

LowV	HighV	DeltaV	Ramp Size (μ m)	Non-lin (%) (+/- 0.1)	Sens (nm/V)
4.48	5.56	1.08	1.42		0.15 1314.81481
3.98	6.04	2.06	2.86		0.15 1388.34951
3.5	6.52	3.02	4.26		0.2 1410.59603
2.96	7.08	4.12	5.7		0.28 1383.49515
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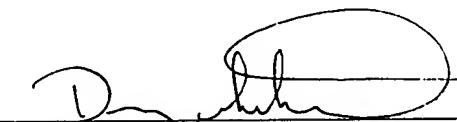
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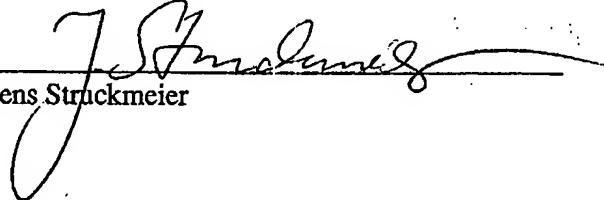
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